

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU

John 14:27

In many Bible translations, the words spoken by Jesus are printed in red. We've chosen to do that here as it tends to make these words more powerful when reading.

May the Lord use these pages to strengthen your faith, sharpen your discernment, and draw you closer to Him.

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Scripture

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”

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This is Jesus talking to His disciples. They are in the upper room the night before His crucifixion. Jesus’ disciples are confused and afraid as He is telling them that He will be leaving them.

For context, let’s read more of this passage: John 14:25-29.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.”

Jesus is leaving, but He isn’t leaving them alone. He is leaving them with the Holy Spirit. They don’t understand what He is telling them, but later they will know. They will remember Jesus’ words and the peace that He is giving them.

For a deeper study, read the entire chapter, John 14:1-31. This is the account of Jesus’ final message to His disciples before His crucifixion.

Then read John 20:19-23, to understand the scene after Jesus was crucified, resurrected, and once again stood in the presence of His disciples.

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What it Means

Jesus starts with “Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you.” Jesus is handing over His peace. The peace that carried Him through every trial He faced. The peace that kept Him going when the world was against Him.

Jesus continues with “Not as the world gives do I give to you.” The world offers temporary, conditional peace that is fleeting when circumstances change. Jesus is telling His disciples that the peace He leaves is not conditional. It is sustainable, and it will sustain. He ends with the command that they not have troubled hearts. Not because everything will be easy, but because what He is giving is stronger than anything the world may throw at them.

WORD STUDY

The word ‘peace’ in Greek is **eirene** (i-rah’nay) and, in this verse, it is given as a personal gift from Christ. This peace is everlasting and perfect, unlike any peace given by the world. The word appears more than 90 times in the New Testament. It is obvious in the Gospels, Paul’s letters, and throughout the New Testament, that through the covenant with Christ, peace can be ours if we believe and follow God.

The word ‘afraid’ in Greek is **deiliao** (di-lee-ah’-o). It is used only once in the New Testament. It means to be timid, to shrink back. Jesus uses a word that isn’t used anywhere else in Scripture, to describe the kind of fear He’s commanding them not to give in to.

Bonus: In John 14:26, Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit will come to them. The ESV translation uses the word ‘helper.’ Other translations use the word ‘comforter.’ The Greek word is **parakletos** and means ‘intercessor’ or ‘advocate.’

Jesus tells His disciples that they have His peace; that they need not have troubled hearts; that peace is theirs. And, Jesus promises to send an advocate to intercede on their behalf...on our behalf.

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Discern the Truth

If we’re honest with ourselves, peace usually means that things are going our way; that our expectations are being met; that everything is running smoothly. That is what peace of this world looks like.

Jesus has specifically said “Not as the world gives do I give to you.” The peace He is referring to rests on you even during the bad times, even when things aren’t going smoothly.

His peace isn’t tied to worldly things or emotions. His peace is tied to the presence and the love of the Father. It is promised to us by the Son. And, it is with us always through the Holy Spirit.

His peace can’t be taken away by the things of this world. It will be with you when the bills are late; when the kids are sick; when the body is failing.

His peace will be with you so you don’t have to worry about the things of this earthly life.

During the worst day of your life, His peace is with you. You have the choice to accept it.

Jesus speaks these words just hours before He will face an excruciating death. He knows what is coming. He prays for another way (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, and Luke 22:42). But, even then, in His agony, He is *at peace* with submission to His Father’s will. (Read one or all of these verses for context.) We can be at peace when we choose to live **Safe in Christ**.

Worldly peace is merely the absence of trouble. Christ’s peace is the presence of God during good times, bad times, and all the times in between.

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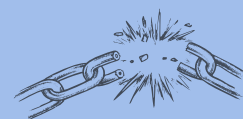
Observe & Apply

We can choose how we respond to life’s circumstances. We can sit with ‘troubled hearts’ and dwell in that space, or we can draw on the Holy Spirit and live with the peace that God provides.

- Consider a time when your world was shaken. What went wrong? A health concern, family member, difficult relationship, financial trouble? What emotions were you feeling in the moment? Did they change as you progressed through the trial?
- Consider one of the best days of your life. What made it great?
- Did you name things of this world? A perfect date, a new friend, a big purchase, a wedding or a baby? Can you think of a day that was made great simply because you felt God’s presence?
- Imagine a peaceful day. What comes to mind? Is it a calm day where nothing goes wrong...a day where you’ve slept in a bit, the chores are done, the bills are paid, the kids are happy (or out of the house for a few hours). That sounds peaceful! Now, if in the middle of that day, your car breaks down or you learn someone you love is hurt or sick...does that abruptly end the peaceful day?
- If you reacted to that chaotic moment differently, could your peaceful demeanor de-escalate the moment, or even better, encourage others to remain calm?

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I launched EnsnaredLife.com with a desire to curate honest, truth-telling content alongside simple, purposeful things that strengthen a woman's walk with Christ or just add a little sunshine into the day. I am not a theologian or a professional blogger. I just wanted to learn something new while seeking wisdom and discernment every single day.

I value any time when I can sit alone, or in a small group, and study God's word, but I really wanted something that I could truly grab onto — something deeper than a quick devotional, more meaningful than what's usually on the shelf, yet still doable in the middle of real life. Most of all, I wanted it to be honest, without watering down or ignoring hard truths.

After much prayer about where to take this project, these **Daily Moments of Discernment** are the result. I pray that these short, standalone moments point you straight back to Scripture and help you live **Safe in Christ** — free from the snares that easily entangle us (Proverbs 29:25).

Thank you for supporting this project and thank God for the inspiration to create it.

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